

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, below the title, insert:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation under 35 U.S.C. § 365(c) and 35 U.S.C. § 120 of international application PCT/EP02/09049, filed August 13, 2002. This application also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of DE 101 40 102.7, filed August 16, 2001, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Following page 4, line 1, please insert the heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

On page 30, line 1, delete the "CLAIMS" and replace it with --What is claimed is:--